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Secretary of State Bruce McPherson Puts Voter Guide for November General Election on Public Display

20-Day Period for Public Examination of Materials Begins

SACRAMENTO, CA - Secretary of State Bruce McPherson today placed on display for public review, the contents of materials to appear in the ballot pamphlet/voter information guide. The display includes information relating to 13 state ballot measures and candidate statements purchased by statewide candidates who have agreed to abide by the voluntary spending limits. Members of the public can examine and legally challenge the materials by petitioning the Sacramento Superior Court to direct modifications.

"As the state's chief elections official, I want to encourage Californians to visit my website or office and review the information set to appear in the voter information guide for the November 7th election," said Secretary of State McPherson.

Elections Code section 9092 provides, in part, that a Sacramento Superior court judge could require modifications to the pamphlet's contents "upon clear and convincing proof that the copy in question is false, misleading, or inconsistent with the requirements" of law and that "issuance of the writ will not substantially interfere with the printing and distribution of the ballot pamphlet as required by law."

The public display period ends on Monday, August 14th when printing of the pamphlets will begin. Approximately 13 million ballot pamphlets will be printed. Starting on Thursday, September 28th, ballot pamphlets will be mailed to homes of registered voters.

Statements from statewide candidates, ballot labels, titles and summaries, analyses from the Legislative Analyst's Office, pro and con arguments, rebuttals to those arguments, yes/no explanations, and texts of the 13 measures currently headed for the November 7th General Election ballot can be viewed on Secretary McPherson's website at http://www.ss.ca.gov/elections/elections_vig_publicdisplay.htm and at his offices in Sacramento, San Francisco, Fresno, San Diego, and Los Angeles.

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